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# Inspection Report

Joel Almquist Forever Wild Exotic Animal Sanctuary 8545 Buttermere Road Phelan, CA 92371

Customer ID: 8292

Certificate: 93-C-0581

Site: 001 JOEL ALMOUIST

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Aug-22-2013

2.75 (b) (1)

#### RECORDS: DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.

\*\*\*(b){1} Every dealer other than operators of auction sales and brokers to whom animals are consigned, and exhibitor shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information: concerning animals other than dogs and cats, purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control.

- The name and address of the person from whom the animals were purchased or otherwise acquired:
- (ii) The USDA license or registration number of the person if he or she is licensed or registered under the Act;
- (iii) The vehicle license number and State, and the driver's license number (or photographic identification card for nondrivers issued by a State) and State of the person, if he or she is not licensed or registered under the Act;
  - (iv) The name and address of the person to whom an animal was sold or given;
  - (v) The date of purchase, acquisition, sale, or disposal of the animal(s);
  - (vi) The species of the animal(s); and
  - (vii) The number of animals in the shipment.\*\*\*

Records of 5 Bobcat cubs received are incomplete; Records provide source of cubs as "illegal owners", no further information provided. Record of Raccon received on 8-24-11 state animal was "dropoff" by illegal owners. Records must contain required information.

CORRECT BY: For all future acquisitions.

3.127 (a)

### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(a) Shelter from sunlight. When sunlight is likely to cause overheating or discomfort of the animals, sufficient. shade by natural or artificial means shall be provided to allow all animals kept outdoors to protect themselves from direct sunlight.\*\*\*

A number of enclosures have a single layer of lightweight shade cloth present to protect animals from the

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effects of direct sunlight. During the summer months, temperatures in this area routinely exceed 95 degrees F, and will exceed 100 degrees F on occasion. During the month of August 2013, temperatures exceeded 95 degrees F on 17 days, including 3 days over 100 degrees F, per weather information. The lack of solid shade or use of an adequate density / layers of shadecloth does not allow protection from direct sunlight to prevent discomfort for the animals under these conditions. Enclosures affected by this include the Bobcat, Mia and Sukia, Red Fox, Serval, Zorro, and Alsha and Ody (who do have misters present).

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## 3.131 (c)

#### SANITATION.

\*\*\* (c) Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. \*\*\*

Cougar "Mojave": Drainage from adjacent enclosures is passing through this enclosure. This can present a disease risk to the animal. A system of drainage must be in place to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices. CORRECT BY: 9-15-13

## 3.132 EMPLOYEES.

\*\*\*A sufficient number of adequately trained employees shall be utilized to maintain the professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Such practices shall be under a supervisor who has a background in animal care.\*\*\*

During the inspection, a volunteer returning to the facility after an absence of several years entered the office area, which houses several small animals, including a newly arrived Marmoset. The employee in charge that accompanied me on the inspection was in the room, providing records to me. The volunteer asked if the Marmoset bit, and was told that she could bite. The volunteer proceeded to stick her finger in the Marmoset enclosure. The employee in charge did not prevent this, or correct the volunteer for doing so. An animal biting a human is put at risk, since the results of such a bite can lead to a need to test the animal for diseases such as rabies. Any person on charge of a facility or of volunteers must be able to ensure that appropriate and acceptable practices are used by those at the facility. Training methods for all facility personnel, including volunteers and supervisors, must ensure a professionally acceptable level of care and handling.

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Exit interview conducted with facility representative.

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